

## REFERENDUM

## SF State rejects increase; sports cut

The slashed programs represent what might have happened at Cal Poly had fees not been approved

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MUSTANG DAILY

Parallel to Cal Poly's recent athletic fee increase, budget cuts forced San Francisco State University to put some of their sports on the chopping block. The California State University eliminated five sports and curtailed seven of the remaining 11 teams after a proposed referendum was rejected by the student body.

Men's track and field, men's and women's swimming, women's volleyball and women's tennis were axed when the athletics referendum failed by 233 votes. The other fee increase proposals, which focused on the career center, academic instruction and student health services, passed with strong majorities.

"Our students were asked to take on some heavy financial burdens," said SFSU public affairs interim director Christina Holmes. "Students come to our school for an education and lots of them went to the health center and career center. They made priorities."

The slashed sports program represents what might have occurred at Cal Poly if the recent fee increase had been rejected. Student support prevented a similar scenario for Mustang athletics.

"The same decision here to cut some sports would have been a definite possibility had the referendum not passed," said assistant media relations director for athletics Eric Burdick. "We said before the increase was voted on that some sports might have to be cut, and scholarships would have been greatly reduced."

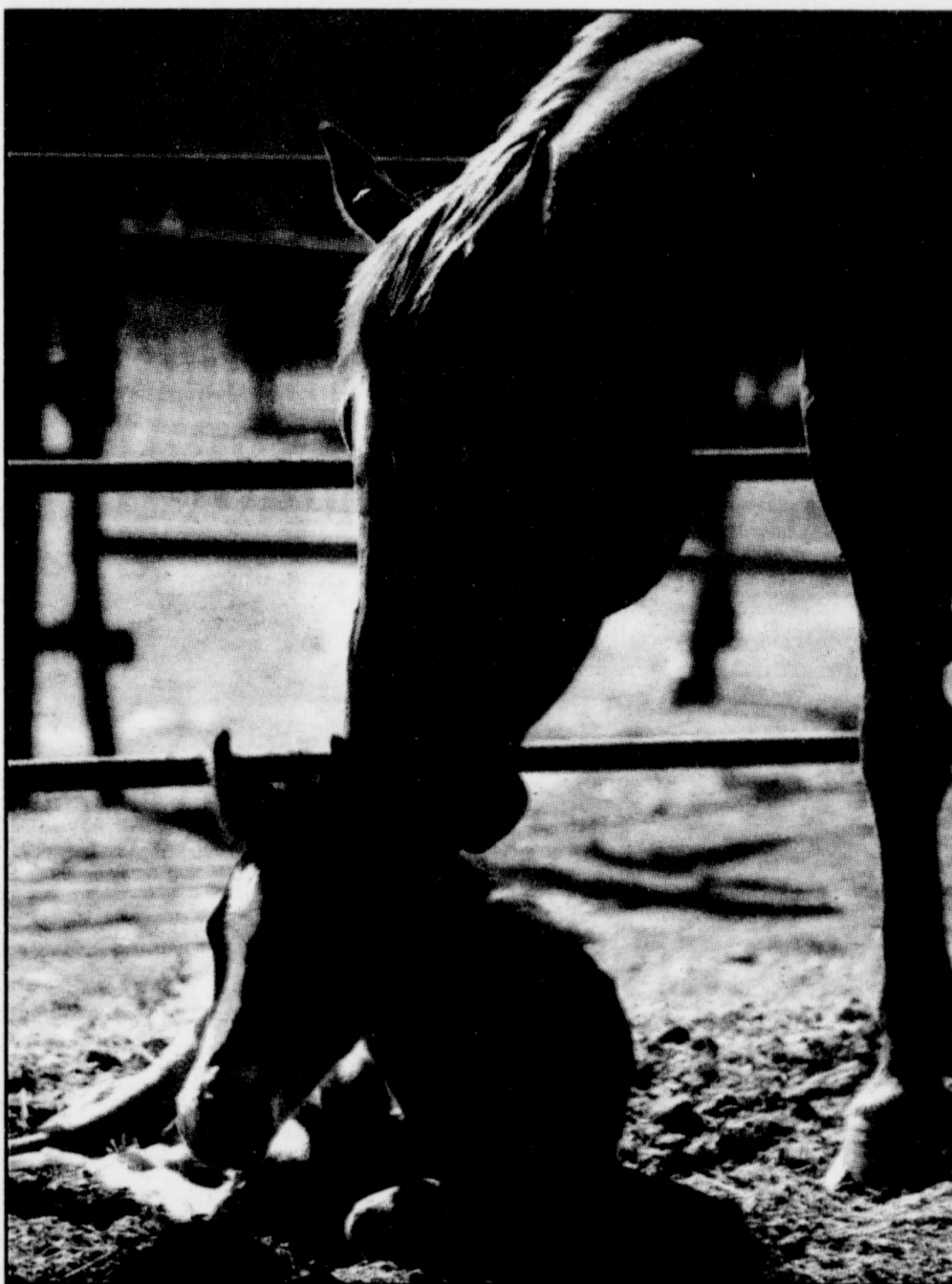
The San Francisco State athletics decision was made in part because it is largely a commuter campus. Of the approximately 27,000 students enrolled, only about 1,000 participate in competitive and intramural athletics.

"Students asked themselves what they'd need most in the future," Holmes said. "The decision wasn't

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— SHANNON FINDLEY  
animal science junior



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Player gave birth to a healthy filly without any problems. She will be returned to breeding while the foal is still nursing.

## Students monitor, help care for foaling mares

Equine enterprise project provides an opportunity for students to be responsible for assisting with the birth of horses on campus. They often spend the night in a converted stall to monitor the horses

**Crystal Phend**  
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The horse was listless. She refused food, went inside the stable and laid down. Made to Play, better known as Player, was feeling the effects of foaling season. The baby inside her shifted and kicked, visibly writhing in Player's distended belly. The breeding managers watched on a security-style monitor from the next room.

Megan Wilson and Shannon Findley monitor and manage every step of reproduction for the 60-some mares in the Equine Breeding Enterprise project.

"You get to know each one of these horses on a very personal level," animal science junior Findley said. "You feel like a mom."

Each of the 12 enterprise students waits in turn with the breeding managers when the time nears for their two mares to give birth.

"Enterprise students are responsible for being here when (the horses) are foaling and all neonatal care," Findley said. "We assist in all births to make it easier for the mother."

Player was displaying all the physical and behavioral

signs that indicated the baby was due. Her caretaker, agribusiness Debbie Krimsley, had been on high alert for three weeks.

Since horses typically foal at night, Krimsley, like many enterprise students, spent nearly every night in her car on site or in the converted stall Findley and Wilson call home.

Every hour someone must go next door to check on the mare; every few minutes they glance at the monitor.

"It's a lot of sleepless nights," Findley said.

Once the mother's water breaks, things start happening too fast for a student to arrive from off campus, Findley said. Within half an hour, the mare will begin labor and the foal is usually born within 10 minutes.

Compared to human birth, this seems blessedly short. However, a horse will gain from 200 to 300 pounds during pregnancy, Findley said. A newborn foal is almost as long as the average woman.

To assist the mother, the student will even help pull the baby out. Neonatal care immediately begins.

"Once it is born, there are certain things we look for," animal science senior Wilson said. "The baby has to stand and nurse and the placenta has to pass."

There is a one- to two-hour observation period right after to ensure both mare and foal are healthy.

Player gave birth to a healthy filly (female) with-

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## Professors, students honored for campaigns

**Liza Sullivan**  
MUSTANG DAILY

In honor of National Foster Care Awareness Month, the San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services asked that the County Board of Supervisors recognize the Cal Poly professors and students who contributed free ad campaigns for three DSS projects.

Plaques were given to professors Mary LaPorte and Sky Bergman, along with art and design seniors Sabiha Basrai, Brooke Finan, Anna Chaffin and Alison Chadwick at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

Because DSS doesn't have the money to work with a professional advertising agency, Foster and adoptive resource family Recruiter Anita Ruggles of DSS asked LaPorte's upper-division advertising class to develop ideas for a poster-based ad campaign, an informational booklet, and a brochure announcing a new foster care program during winter quarter.

Deputy director of child welfare services Debby Jeter said statistics show those who graduate

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## UNIVERSITIES

## Boards to consider fee hikes

**Ben Fox**  
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FULLERTON — Amid protests by students and faculty, California's two university systems will consider fee increases Wednesday proposed as part of a deal with Gov.

Arnold Schwarzenegger that promises eventual enrollment growth and salary raises.

University of California regents and California State University trustees are expected to adopt student fee hikes of 14 percent this year and 8 percent in each of the next two years. Student fees have increased in each of the past two

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## Tides

High	3.4 at 12:03 a.m.
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SUNRISE	5:55 A.M.
SUNSET	8:03 P.M.



## Referendum

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anything against athletics, but I don't know if they really touch the student body on a whole. We're a campus where sports don't necessarily come to mind automatically."

The athletics proposal asked for an increase to \$33 a semester to replace money that will be eliminated in the upcoming budget. Half of the university's money is raised from student fees, Holmes said.

"Some students are certainly very upset," she said. "In tough budget times, we have to make difficult decisions. We didn't have a lot of other choices at this point."

Other San Francisco State programs ended because of state budget cuts include bachelor's degree programs in interdisciplinary soil science, industrial technology, social work, dance, and Russian and master's degree programs in family and consumer sciences, gerontology, recreation and leisure studies, kinesiology and Russian.

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out any problems. Not all mares are so fortunate; there are many things that can go wrong, which necessitates all the watching and waiting.

"It is a huge investment," Findley said. "Horses can only have one foal a year."

Player will likely be returned to breeding while the foal is still nursing. Krimsley said her other mare was sent just 17 days after giving birth.

"It is their job to be moms," Krimsley said.

To get around the one-year gestation period for a show horse or to increase the productivity of a mare with superior blood lines, an additional, more expensive method is used: embryo transfer. After normal in vitro fertilization and six weeks of development in the mother, the embryo is transplanted into a surrogate mother.

Regardless of their beginnings, the foals are involved in

student projects from the time they are weaned, Findley said. They are halter broken and trained by students and then sold 2-years-olds.

Students reap 10 percent of the profit, if there is one, but the real reward is the experience.

"It is a way Cal Poly can get hands-on experience for students," Findley said. "We learn this stuff in class but it's a whole 'nother thing in real world application."

For the breeding managers, it is an intense experience. Findley and Wilson said they spend at least 45 hours a week working on the project. They have less than ideal living conditions, are constantly on call and basically give up their lives for a year, they said.

However, both agree that it is an experience like no other.

"The opportunity to learn up here is incredible," Findley said. "We do things that anywhere else only a vet is allowed to do."

## Minorities feel that they get stricter discipline, study finds

DAVIS (AP) — A student research project on race at Davis Senior High School found the majority of black and Latino students feel they get stricter discipline from administrators.

They also say their peers hold lower expectations of them.

But the project showed that overall, most students believe teachers treat students of all races equally once they get to know them individually.

The report's findings were released Monday, 50 years after the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling banning racial segregation in public schools. The students presented the project to about 300 parents, teachers, students and administrators.

"Tonight is not an accusation; it is a beginning," said Jann Murray-Garcia, a Davis parent and member of Blacks for Effective Community Action, a local community group

that co-sponsored the project.

The student project was overseen by Youth in Focus, a nonprofit organization that helps students conduct research projects and develop plans to make changes in their communities.

David Murphy, superintendent of the Davis Joint Unified School District, said the discussion would help the district in an effort to close disparities among students.

The project was launched last fall after a series of hate crimes sparked a community outcry. In October, four Davis teenagers egged the homes of a gay man and an African-American family.

"As we celebrate Brown v. Board of Education, we still have a whole lot of work to do," said Rev. Tim Malone, parent of a Davis High student. "The schools, in many ways, are as segregated now as they were then."

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from the foster care system don't do very well. Within the first year on their own many end up homeless and many girls become pregnant, she said.

"We wanted the posters to focus on connecting these teenagers with families that can help them make the transition into adulthood," she said.

The poster's concept, called "defining moments," focuses on issues during a young person's junior high and high school years, such as a first date, prom and graduation.

"Moments that could be more pleasant with the support of a mother or father," Basrai said. "Puberty is already hard enough, and without a home it's even harder."

Students from both LaPorte's class and Bergman's photo and illustration class worked together in teams of three (two designers and one photographer), to come up with a concept for DSS.

"It's very competitive," LaPorte said of the project.

DSS chose the team of Basrai, Finan and Heather Gulyash for the ad campaign that targeted recruitment of more families and homes for teenagers.

"They developed the whole thing from start to finish," Ruggles said of the posters designed by the Cal Poly students.

The posters are distributed in both English and Spanish throughout the county. Channel

2 will feature the posters and they will be distributed to businesses, churches and schools all year.

"Most people don't think about adopting or offering foster care to teenagers," Ruggles said. "I think the posters will be very successful in getting the word out that more homes are needed for teens."

Students Ilsa Brink, Chaffin and Chadwick teamed up and developed the informational booklet that is given to those interested in the foster care or adoption program, or becoming a parent. The brochure advertises a new program called Family to Family, "which is a whole new way to do foster care," Ruggles said. The program strives to cut down on the number of times a child has to move and helps keep them in a community.

"It was eye-opening being exposed to an organization that provides services to the community," said Chadwick, who photographed children interacting with each other and their foster parents for the two projects.

"It was great and a really wonderful thing for them to do," Ruggles said of the students who were involved with the foster care projects. "They did a wonderful job."

The Board of Supervisors also recognized all foster parents and foster family agencies for their efforts on behalf of children in San Luis Obispo foster care, and designated May 2004 Foster Care Awareness Month in San Luis Obispo County.

## Fees

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years as well.

Next fall, a UC resident undergraduate would pay about \$6,200 annually while the fee at CSU would climb to about \$2,300.

Other aspects of the six-year agreement, including a return to enrollment increases in 2005, must be approved by the Legislature, which has until June 30 to adopt a state budget.

The deal has been praised by administrators as a promise of financial stability but disparaged by critics as a sellout that will keep many students from attending college.

It's especially unpopular at commuter schools like CSU, Fullerton, where students often live off-campus and squeeze academics into full-time work schedules.

"It's ridiculous," said Brenda Gonzalez, a senior at Fullerton who has helped organize protests against fee hikes. "We're just making it harder and harder to get an education."

Next year's proposed cuts of \$140 million to the CSU system would mean fewer classes that are more expensive and have more students.

"There are students out there right now who can barely afford to be here," said Adam Byrnes, a senior

and member of the student government at Fullerton.

Administrators insist that higher education in California will still be affordable and financial aid will be available to those who need it.

Richard West, chief financial officer for the 23-campus CSU system, said the main achievement of the agreement with Schwarzenegger is that, after years of uncertainty, it allows the universities to plan their budgets for the coming years.

Without a deal, the schools could find themselves facing far greater damage as the result of last-minute scrambling to pass the state budget — a prospect that hasn't been totally eliminated by the agreement, West said.

"We knew we are not the highest priority in the Legislature," he said. "I'm still fearful that we could get cut."

CSU trustees will meet in Long Beach, while UC regents gather in San Francisco to consider the increases as students and faculty plan protests around the state.

"I think it makes education less and less accessible," said Joyce Cheng, a sophomore at UC Berkeley. "It keeps the classes divided, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer."

Graduate fees would also increase under the plan. At UC

campuses, the fees would jump 20 percent this fall while CSU graduate student fees would increase by 25 percent, except for teacher credential candidate fees that would go up 20 percent.

Both systems would increase graduate fees by 10 percent in each of the next two years.

After years of sharp funding decreases, UC and CSU have been promised 3 percent general fund increases for two years starting in 2005-06. Starting in 2007, the budget would increase 4 percent to cover costs such as raises and health benefits.

An additional 1 percent would be added starting in 2008-09 specifically for academic support such as instructional materials and libraries.

The proposal also promises state money for enrollment growth starting in 2005, adding 5,000 students a year to the nine-campus UC system, which serves about 200,000 students, and 8,000 a year to CSU, which has roughly 400,000 students.

The agreement leaves in place the 10 percent cuts in freshman enrollment this fall at both systems.

This year, the universities had to turn away thousands of qualified students due to funding cuts. Some students were diverted to already overcrowded community colleges for their first two years.

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## State Briefs

**SACRAMENTO** — State senators voted Tuesday to ban random drug testing of California students, agreeing that schools should have "reasonable suspicion" before checking for drug or alcohol use.

The bill, by Sen. John Vasconcellos, D-Santa Clara, would bar testing unless school officials had reasonable suspicion that a student had illegally used drugs or alcohol "in the school environment."

It would require that that suspicion be based on "articulable facts" and "rational inferences" instead of curiosity, rumor, hunch, race, national origin, gender, socio-economic status, sexual orientation or suspicion or evidence of drug use among the student's family or friends.

The legislation also would require the school to try to obtain written consent from a parent or guardian before ordering a student to have a drug test and to refer students who test positive to someone for counseling.

**WEST COVINA** — A 57-count criminal complaint was filed Tuesday against the former general manager of a new Hooters restaurant for allegedly secretly taping 14 applicants as they changed into waitress uniforms during job interviews.

Juan Martin Aponte, 32, faces up to 19 years in state prison if convicted of the 25 felonies and 32 misdemeanors, said Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Gary Hearnberger.

Defense attorney Brian Michaels said earlier during the investigation that his client would plead innocent to any possible charges.

The digital taping allegedly occurred between November and February in a trailer outside a West Covina restaurant building that is being renovated to become a new Hooters.

Felony charges were possible because four of the applicants were under age 18 at the time and because the digital recording also contained audio, Hearnberger said.

The felonies include eight counts of using a minor for a sex act and 17 counts of eavesdropping.

**SACRAMENTO** — A majority of Senate Democrats vowed Tuesday to block prison guards' lucrative pay raises this year, forcing the union to renegotiate what senators said is an unaffordable contract.

Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last week called for trimming \$300 million from the guards' contract, the bulk of the \$465 million he wants to shave from all union contracts negotiated by his predecessor.

The 31,000-member California Correctional Peace Officers Association has long been a political powerhouse, helping to elect former governors Pete Wilson and Gray Davis. About 350 of its members now earn more than \$100,000 a year, though that's less than 2 percent of its membership.

— Associated Press

## National Briefs

**BOSTON** — More than 1,000 gay couples sought applications for marriage licenses on the first day Massachusetts became the first state to allow same-sex couples to legally wed, a survey of the largest cities and towns in the state by The Associated Press showed.

Separately, a survey by The Boston Globe found that two-thirds of gays who applied for the licenses Monday were women, and 40 percent of those female couples said they had children in their households, the newspaper reported Tuesday.

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush renominated Alan Greenspan as chairman of the Federal Reserve on Tuesday, praising his leadership and sending a strong signal of stability to financial markets.

The nomination was announced as Greenspan met at the White House with the president.

"Sound fiscal and monetary policies have helped unleash the potential of American workers and entrepreneurs, and America's economy is now growing at the fastest rate in two decades," Bush said in a statement.

**WASHINGTON** — Starting next week, millions of people in small cities and rural areas will be able to take advantage of federal rules allowing cellular users to keep their phone numbers when switching to new wireless carriers.

The rules first went into effect last November in the 100 most populous metropolitan areas. On May 24, the Federal Communications Commission will expand its "number portability" rules to the rest of the country.

Consumers also can transfer a number from a traditional landline phone to a cell phone if the exchange falls within the same geographic area.

The extension of the rules is not expected to be met with an enormous surge in requests for transfers since most of the country has already had the opportunity to switch. The FCC estimates the rules covered about 70 percent of the population when implemented Nov. 24 in the top markets.

**WASHINGTON** — As many as 17,000 people each year are brought to the United States by human traffickers who trap them in slavery-like conditions for forced sex, sweatshop labor and domestic servitude, the Justice Department reported Tuesday.

"In the United States, where slavery was outlawed nationally more than 130 years ago, this tragic phenomenon should no longer exist. Yet it does," the Justice Department said in a report to Congress.

In separate testimony on Capitol Hill, a top Homeland Security Department official estimated that human smuggling and trafficking generate some \$9.5 billion each year for criminal organizations that also deal in illicit drugs, weapons and money laundering.

— Associated Press

## World Briefs

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric on Tuesday demanded that all armed groups withdraw from the embattled holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, where nine militiamen loyal to a rebel cleric were killed in heavy fighting with U.S. forces.

The statement by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani came after the U.S. administrator in Iraq vowed to continue the transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis as scheduled despite Monday's killing of the head of the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council.

"Terrorists are trying to stop Iraq's march to sovereignty and peace," U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer said at a memorial service in Baghdad for Izzadine Saleem, who was killed by a suicide bomber Monday at a checkpoint near coalition headquarters. "They will not succeed."

**NEW DELHI** — Sonia Gandhi said she would "humbly decline" to be the next prime minister of India, a decision that followed Hindu nationalist outrage over the prospect of a foreign-born woman at the helm of the nation.

Gandhi, an Italian native who became an Indian citizen 21 years ago, did not say whom she would nominate for the post; but the favorite appeared to be Manmohan Singh, the architect of India's economic liberalization program during the last Congress party-led government from 1991 to 1996. Gandhi will remain president of the party.

Gandhi's Congress party and allies trounced the Hindu-nationalist party of caretaker Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and his Democratic National Alliance in national elections that ended last week.

**RAFAH, Gaza Strip** — Under heavy cover fire from helicopters, Israeli troops combed this refugee camp for weapons and gunmen Tuesday in the biggest Gaza offensive in years.

Twenty Palestinians were killed, including two teenagers shot as they gathered laundry. International condemnation of the operation mounted, and the United States said it was asking Israel for "clarification." The United Nations and European Union demanded an end to the incursion, which Israeli security officials said would last at least a week.

**TASHKENT, Uzbekistan** — Sevara Nazarkhan is bringing the centuries-old songs of the Silk Road to the world stage.

Since capturing the ear of veteran rocker Peter Gabriel, the slight, twentysomething songstress has been drawing international acclaim with her melodies of love and despair, sharing a mournful message even though the words are from a far-off place and time.

Her success could almost be one of the ancient stories of good fortune passed down in the oral traditions of her Uzbek ancestors.

— Associated Press

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## Biodiesel teams travel to Colombia

University of Colorado group oversees final construction stages of biodiesel facility in South America

**Ellen Lokajaya**  
COLORADO DAILY (UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO)

BOULDER, Colo. — Six people from University of Colorado Biodiesel and Boulder Biodiesel journeyed to Gaviotas, Colombia for three weeks to help oversee the final stages of construction of the first biodiesel facility in South America.

The group helped to design the facility and also educated the Gaviotas people on the chemical process used to produce biodiesel fuel.

Biodiesel is an alternative clean-burning diesel fuel that is produced from renewable resources such as vegetable oil and animal fats. It can be used in diesel engines without

any modification.

"It was absolutely successful," said Martin Stenflo, co-founder of Boulder Biodiesel. "It was an opportunity to bring such hope and pride to a country with such war, terrorism and exploitation."

Stenflo said the Gaviotas project is important because it allows the community to have alternative fuel that they can harvest, instead of being dependent on petroleum-based diesel or other kinds of fuels.

"This gives an opportunity for people in rural regions to have something valuable," Stenflo said.

The biodiesel groups became involved in Gaviotas project when they met Paolo Lugari, the founder of

the Gaviotas "sustainable" community, during the Sustainable Resources Conference held at CU last fall.

Gaviotas, a 30-year-old community made up of peasants, scientists, artists and former street kids, is located in the eastern region of Colombia. Founded by scientists and engineers like Lugari, Gaviotas has been using sustainable energy such as windmills, solar panels and organic farming methods to provide energy for the 200 residents there.

CU Biodiesel co-director Evan Belser said Lugari wanted to use the same technology in Gaviotas and phase off using petroleum-based diesel, which they were still using to run their cars and tractors.

## COMPUTERS

## Viruses worm into UCLA network

**Harold Lee**  
DAILY BRUIN (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA)

LOS ANGELES — On-campus computer networks are prime targets for infection from worms and viruses because of constant connectivity to the Internet.

Approximately 2,300 computers on the University of California, Los Angeles campus network were found to harbor a variety of worms, ranging from the annoying to the potentially hazardous, within the past two weeks.

A worm is a type of computer virus that exploits security flaws and makes copies of itself on other computers.

The majority of these computers were found in the residence halls and approximately 1,800 computers needed to undergo treatment.

Though a worm named Sasser, which exploits a security flaw in versions of Windows XP and 2000, is thought to be the cause of widespread problems, the main culprits are actually three different worms — Phatbot, Agobot and Gaobot.

The three worms are all polymorphic, meaning they can change on their own and can be easily altered by others, said Mark Bower, manager of managed network services with Communications Technology Services.

"(Phatbot) is hard to detect because it changes frequently, and it also disables anti-virus software," Bower said.

If one of the three worms infects a computer, the machine will report to and wait for orders from another computer.

"A machine can be used for any purpose under the sun," Bower said.

Vital information on machines, like credit card numbers and passwords, can be recorded by and transmitted to a foreign computer, he said.

## Crackdown on file-sharing continues

**Colleen Honigsberg**  
DAILY BRUIN (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA)

LOS ANGELES — The increasing connectivity capabilities of the Internet have created a breeding ground for illegal file-sharing and potential copyright infringement.

This is especially the case in college dorms that utilize the fastest local area network connections.

"With the Internet, there are just so many information and transfer possibilities," said freshman computer science student Angie Yen. "There's nothing stopping people from doing it."

In response to the growing number of online copyright infringements, the University of California, Los Angeles residence halls have reformed their approach to alleged file-sharing violations.

Previously, all potential copyright infringement cases were monitored by an individual from UCLA information technology. The new system is now partially automated.

When UCLA receives a complaint from an outside party, such as the Universal Music Group or the Motion Picture Association of America, an e-mail is automatically sent to the violating computer. Internet access to non-UCLA Web sites is then cut off faster than with

the manual response.

"For an institute of higher education to overlook copyright infringement would not be a proper standpoint and would not be appropriate," said Christine Coons, the Office of Residential Life judicial affairs coordinator and assistant dean of students.

"The restricted access policy was a response to try to remain within the law and to preserve students' academic ability online," Coon added.

From July 2003 to March 2004, there were 300 alleged violations, said Jim Davis, the associate vice chancellor of information technology. Six of these violators were repeat offenders.

Most of the violations were for movies, music or software, and involved the perpetrator sharing a copyrighted file without the copyright owner's permission.

UCLA's new response to infringement complaints comes on the heels of a March 23 infringement lawsuit in which the Recording Industry Association of America sued 532 individuals, 89 of whom were from universities — including the University of California, Berkeley and California State University, Northridge. Settlements ranged from \$12,000 to \$17,000.

## Teacher evaluations give voice to students

**Theresa Smith**  
SPARTAN DAILY (SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY)

SAN JOSE — At the end of each semester, students at San Jose State University participate in teacher evaluations.

A new rating form with clear-cut questions and an additional opinion sheet has been added to the form to give students the opportunity to include their personal thoughts.

Steve Aquino, survey research and evaluation associate in the Institutional Planning & Academic Resources, said the ratings will be collected May 5 through May 18 from white boxes located on campus.

"There are nine white boxes throughout the campus for student proctors to drop off completed evaluation packets," Aquino said. "Packets are picked up each day from the boxes."

Aquino's department has student volunteers who sort the forms by department to be processed and recorded. The "Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness" and the "Student Opinion of Laboratory and Activity Teaching Effectiveness" forms are distributed to students based on lecture or lab courses.

"The students (volunteers) go

through an unpacking, sorting and processing (method)," Aquino said. "(Then) reports are generated and faculty receive official and personal reports."

At the beginning of each semester, instructors choose which courses they want to be evaluated for, and the results are later put together in an official report. Although all courses are evaluated, those not selected by the instructor will be put together in a personal report.

"For the original report, one copy goes to the department file and one goes to the instructor," Aquino said. "The personal report goes only to the instructor; no copy is made for the department."

According to the university's Web site for the assessments and survey department, many factors sway student opinion ratings, which forces the calculation process to be interpreted with caution.

For example, if a question is left unanswered or marked not applicable, that rating must be carefully reviewed, according to the Web site.

Aquino said a new rating form was established last year and gives students more opportunity to express themselves.



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## Social Issues

## Gay rights program brought to BSU

Tiffani Isaacson

THE ARBITER (BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY)

BOISE, Idaho — Diane Neu, Driscoll Hall resident adviser, and Stephanie Frank, Morrison Hall resident adviser, cast new light on gay rights for some Boise State University residents last month. Frank and Neu presented a program called "lesbian wedding." The title was initially used to draw attention, but didn't attract what the advisers expected.

"We decided to do this program last December when we started talking about how many people are misinformed on the subject," Neu said. "It is a topic Stephanie and I feel very strongly about, and we wanted to be able to present the information to people in a way that would hopefully open up their minds a little."

Frank and Neu originally had scheduled the program for early February, but due to the media attention gay rights was receiving they pushed back the date to include the new information.

"When it comes to gay rights, there are so many things that one could cover, but we knew that we had to keep it narrow," Neu said. "Same-sex marriage rights was the original topic we wanted to cover; plus, it is one that we both feel strongly about."

Neu said they worked hard to design a program that would open

minds, not attack people.

"We had no problem getting the program approved by the resident director. Everyone was supportive and saw the need for a program like this," she said.

Even though Neu and Frank's program was well received among most of their peers, some of their residents weren't so supportive. Posters that read "lesbian wedding," were vandalized with writing such as "XXX" and "hot, hot, hot." The posters were taken down because of the vandalism. Frank removed posters from Morrison Hall, a 21-and-older dorm, because some residents complained that the subject matter was offensive.

"Once the individuals were talked to and the posters were rehung, no further problems were encountered," Neu said.

Resident adviser Kelsey Ruiz said, "I think that it was a fine program and that it was advertised in an entirely appropriate fashion. The goal of the advertising was to catch people off guard so that they would be more likely to attend. The reason that the posters were ripped down is that there are still people who are not ready to be open to the idea of homosexuality. Prejudice was the downfall, not the poster content, and based on the nature of the program, I don't see that there were many other efficient ways to promote it."

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# Go BIG or go home

Less than 20 minutes into my attempt to eat a gigantic pizza, reality set in.

Like a novice river-rafter battling heavy rapids, I struggled to handle the sprawling canvas of cheese and pepperoni. Although I was working on my eighth slice, I still had 26 remaining, and my pace had slowed enough for my official scribe, mechanical engineering junior Russell Prentice, to take note.

"6:42," Russ wrote. "Graham realizes he must pick up his pace, or he will surely meet doom ... DOOM!"

It wasn't supposed to be like this.

I lusted seven months ago over initial field reports of the challenge at New York Style Giant Pizza, an independent pizzeria at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Santa Rosa Street. Storeowner Kenny Danou promised the giant pizza free along with a complimentary month of slices to anyone who could finish the 28-inch pizza in an hour.

My qualifications were impeccable. Last May, I devoured the biggest hamburger known to man, a two-and-a-half pounder from

Sylvester's in Los Osos. Chronicled in the May 29, 2003 Mustang Daily, my accomplishment won me fame, a Polaroid on the restaurant's wall and a T-shirt that read, "I ate the big one."

Unspeakable triumph only comes so often, though.

I should've humbly entered this challenge. Since New York's opening last Labor Day weekend, no competitors had come forward. In fact, in Danou's time owning two other pizzerias, only a female in Santa

A combination of prior success and overconfidence gets in the way of a former Mustang Daily reporter's attempt at consuming a 28-inch pizza in one hour. At least he tried. BY GRAHAM WOMACK

PHOTOS BY NATHAN CASWELL



Maria tried — and almost puked.

"I want to see you barf!" Danou's wife Delilah chirped, not long before I signed a waiver in case of illness.

It was dizzying enough just to ponder the pizza's ingredients — two and a half pounds of cheese, five pounds of dough, 67 pieces of pepperoni and two ladles of sauce. I could've stretched the uncooked dough out to make bed sheets and used the shredded cheese to stuff a pillow.

Instead, I watched Danou struggle to hoist the giant into the oven. A little more than 20 minutes later, at 6:25 in front of curious onlookers, I ripped into my 600 square-inch pizza. Initially my chances looked bright, as I roared through seven slices in the first 15 minutes.

Even then, however, Russ and fellow comrades industrial engineering junior Matt Sanders and kinesiology junior Kyle Gillette echoed doubts that I'd been hearing since reaching the pizzeria.

"6:36," Russ wrote. "His associates begin taking bets as to how far he gets — I say he pukes at slice No. 31."

I didn't even make it that far. Over the next 10 minutes, I suffered a fate known to athletes as "hitting the wall."

I don't know if I had too much food in my stomach from my previous meal six hours before or if my jaw was fatigued but stuffing in food became arduous. I tried in vain to use the restroom halfway through the hour, but it was useless.

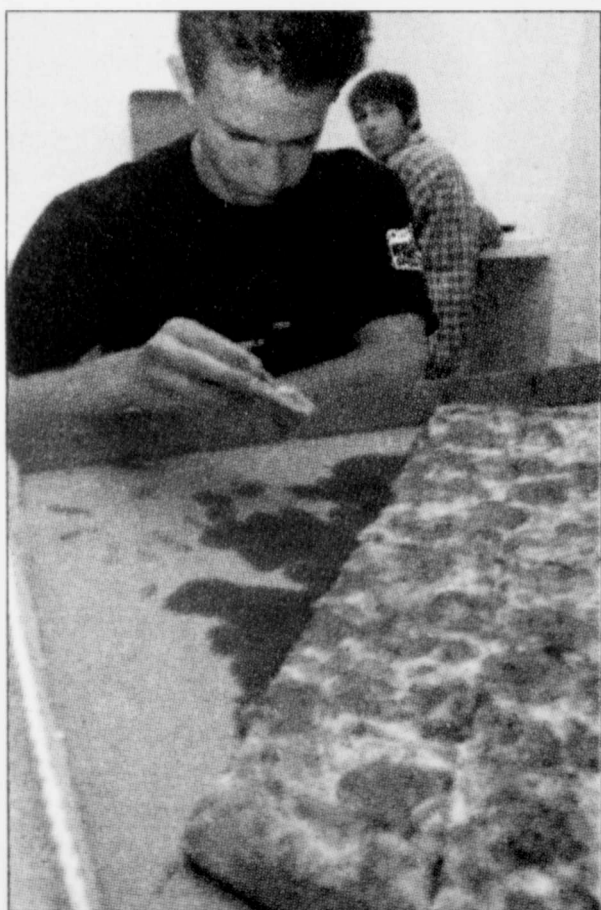
"7:07," Russ wrote. "Graham admits that the feat is impossible — at least he gave it a noble try."

Danou offered me 15 minutes overtime, but instead, I ate until 7:25 to fulfill my initial challenge. The end of the hour couldn't come soon enough anyhow. My pizza was a cold remnant of its former delicious self by the time I put it down.

Overall, out of 34 slices, I only finished 12, the equivalent of a 16" pizza I later deduced, but far from a superhuman effort. I still don't know how I gained six pounds over the course of my ordeal. Kyle did praise me for eating for an hour, but I admit I was beaten — yep, beaten by a pizza.

History is chock full of failures, particularly from battle — Napoleon lost big at Waterloo, Hitler could never take Stalingrad and Robert E. Lee suffered heavy casualties at Gettysburg.

Still, on the bright side, none of those guys got to take home more than 20 slices of pizza after their defeats.



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ASI Board of Directors meets May 26 at 5 p.m. in UU 220  
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## Campus Happenings

## Bands, bikes and more come together for free show this weekend

Second annual event showcases local acts, feats of courage

**Christina Joslin**  
MUSTANG DAILY

Bands and bikes don't normally congregate in parking lots, but that's exactly what they'll do this weekend at ASI's second annual BMX and Band Blowout.

The event, put on by ASI Events, will be held from noon to 5 p.m. in parking lot H-6 (just north of Campus Market). Admission is free and open to Cal Poly students and the general public.

"This is going to be a really cool event with extreme sport bikers and lots of different music," event coordinator Angela Schacatano said. "Our goal is to make this the big end-of-year event for the students."

Last year, the blowout attracted a crowd of about 1,500 people throughout the day's events. This year, ASI Events is planning on having a larger number of people in attendance.

"Last year, we only marketed to Cal Poly students," Schacatano said. "We are now marketing to the entire San Luis Obispo community as well."

The event will revolve around the crazy and courageous Giant Bicycle Stunt Team, the world's No. 1 traveling bicycle stunt show. The team has performed shows at the NBA playoffs, ESPN X-Games, Long Beach Grand Prix, Kentucky State Fair, Hawaii State Fair, NBC Sports Gravity Games and many other venues.

The three-man team entertains their audience with choreographed stunts, both in the air and on the ground. This includes the riders reaching higher than 25 feet above the ground (with the help of a giant vertical ramp), spinning 360 degrees in mid-air and doing gravity-defying back flips.

The riders will be accompanied by the musical abilities of local bands Habanero, Joose and JND and out-of-towners The Expendables.

Habanero, winner of the residence hall Battle of the Bands, will perform onstage from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

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## Blowout

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"We're going to go out and have a good time," environmental horticultural freshman and bassist David Brenner said. "And hopefully we'll get some good exposure."

Originating from San Jose, Habanero is a collection of five members from San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz and Sonoma.

"It's hard to play shows since we're all from different areas," Brenner said. "So it's going to be a great chance for the band to get heard by the students and play in front of a large crowd."

Often compared to Sublime, the band has a rock feel with an upbeat reggae tempo.

"All five of us are such different people with different influences," Brenner said. "The band has a unique sound because we bring all of it together. We play whatever our hearts desire."

Joose, a local funk/bluegrass band, performs from 1:40 to 2:10 p.m.

The Giant Bicycle Stunt Team will perform their stunts directly after the Habanero and Joose concerts.

The Expendables, another reggae rock band, are from Santa Cruz and recently finished a tour with Slightly Stoopid and Eek-a-Mouse. They will perform from 2:50 to 3:35 p.m.

JND, who were previously known as Jive N Direct, will perform from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. The band is well

known in the local scene for "a fusion of rock, R&B, soul and funk," lead singer and songwriter Damon Castillo said.

Based out of the heart of the Central Coast, JND has won the New Times' "Best of SLO" award for Best Band for the last four years. They bring a genuine sound with the use of a keyboard, trombone and saxophone.

"This is our home town and we love going all-out for this city," Castillo said. "We enjoy rocking out and having fun."

The band's latest release, "Enhanced," is a five-track EP filled with passionate lyrics and irrefutable musicianship.

"Is there anything other than love, whether it is love gone good, love gone bad or love gone astray?" Castillo said when asked about the meaning of his lyrics. "Our music is all about the songwriting with a mixture of our authentic sound. We tend to like things funky."

The event will also host a festival area with booths from Cal Poly clubs and local businesses. Activities will include a craft fair, bounce house, mini massages, free give-a-ways from the sponsors and many more festival style events.

The BMX and Band Blowout is sponsored by Art's Cyclery, KURQ The Rock 107.3 FM and Split Clothing Company.



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## Band breakups: The music industry's version of divorce

Jacob Tootalian

THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS)

DAVIS — To record companies, music consumers are like children. They have to be spoon-fed the Top 40, and they don't know how to share properly.

After all, both kids and music enthusiasts are the real victims of a problem that plagues both families and the recording industry — divorce.

No one is safe from it. Just last week, the season finale of MTV's "Making the Band" featured P. Diddy announcing his disbandment of Da Band. But as priceless as the irony of the gun-toting rap mogul playing father figure was, few had grown attached to Diddy's League of Extraordinary Wanksters.

However, when the intensity of mainstream success leads to the dissolution of a popular group, faithful listeners can't help but wonder if it was their fault. Since parents have to explain the meaning of their divorce to their children, it would be helpful if musicians did the same.

"Well, you see, son, Mommy and Daddy have been fighting a lot because Daddy is too busy banging groupies and doing coke to focus on the music. Now, just because we don't love each other any more doesn't mean that we don't love you. So, remember to go out and buy Mommy's solo album when it comes out this summer."

As helpful as that sounds, it probably would do little to take the edge off what is usually an ugly affair. Just like drug overdoses for rock stars and gun violence for hip-hop kingpins, irreconcilable differences can spell the end for even the greatest bands.

For example, the 1970 disbandment of the cultural phenomenon that was the Beatles left their faithful fans appalled. Instead of blaming themselves, though, they pointed the finger at the wicked stepmother. As John

Lennon's wife, Yoko Ono was an easy target for the angst-ridden fan base.

Though the Fab Four remained somewhat amicable, that hasn't been the case in other musical separations. After pioneering the gangster-rap revolution of the late '80s and early '90s, NWA's personal conflicts tore the union apart. The result was a lyrical rivalry between Easy-E and Dr. Dre that produced some of the most obscenely poetic ex-bashing in history.

Despite the trauma that can be associated with the initial breakup, the musicians involved often embrace unmarried life. Splashing on a little more Old Spice and sporting the gold chain in the chest hair, these newly liberated bachelors are ready to hit the singles scene again.

Unfortunately, some of these guys learn a harsh lesson about their solo prospects. The technical term for such a musician is the Garfunkel. It is derived from the second half of the folk duo Simon and Garfunkel, whose single career, in spite of his talent, suffered due to both his name and his receding fro.

Still, the aftermath of a band breakup isn't always bleak. Some of Paul McCartney and John Lennon's best work can be found in their post-Beatles albums. As far as NWA's disbandment, Dr. Dre went on to found the hip-hop dynasty that includes Snoop Dogg, Eminem and 50 Cent. And even if solo projects don't work out, former bandmates often reunite. In fact, the reunion, like the post-marital tryst, has become a common event. VH1 has even created a show devoted to rekindling the former romances with its "Bands Reunited."

Ultimately, for every Yoko sabotaging the creative process, Dre starting a lyrical war or Garfunkel anxiously keeping the team together, there will always be a group like Da Band that music fans don't give a damn whether they stay together.



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Letters to the Editor

Community garbage heap solves crisis

As trash bins, landfills, garbage dumps and recycling centers overflow with unusable waste, something needs to be done. Something drastic, something immediate. The solution to this crisis is to recycle in a new and profound way that no one has dared, yet. We must create a gigantic garbage heap in the center of town and allow people to rifle freely through it, taking what they want. This massive exchange of goods will keep valuables from being tossed and resources from being wasted.

You have heard the adages by wise parents: "One man's garbage is another man's treasure" and "other people would love to have nice things like that."

It is time we put these to use. Consider the benefits: free furniture, free dinners, free clothing for everyone. No more permanent landfills polluting our water supply. Think of the revenue that would be saved from the city garbage budget that could be used for our children's education.

The only drawbacks are that early pioneers of this system will be labeled "dumpster divers" unfairly, and rioting is a possibility — a good cedar chest full of towels for example, could push the crowd to violence. But, a security guard or two could easily keep the peace. Towns like Avenal, Bishop, Oakdale, Compton and Pasadena have already started this lofty and brilliant vision for the future, shouldn't San Luis Obispo do so, too?

Philip Comer is an electrical engineering student.

Congratulations to the Cal Poly rugby club

Recently the Cal Poly rugby club competed in the Division I National Championship for the first time in their 40 year history. They took second place in the nation after a hard-fought match with the Air Force Academy to get them to the final with University of California, Berkeley. As an alumnus I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of the motley crew know as Cal Poly rugby.

Considering there are 440 men's rugby clubs in the United States, this was no easy feat. To get there, the rugby club (run by the students), has had to raise funds (yes, the alumni do contribute a fair amount), coordinate their own travel

and lodging, pay players dues and have the fortune to be coached by an excellent volunteer coaching staff. The team has an uphill battle from the start of every season.

The accolades for the team this year include two players being selected to represent their country and play for the national team, the Eagles, and winning the Southern California Division I League undefeated. The 2005 season looks promising as well. I encourage your continued support. When you see a "rugger" walking by, shake his hand and tell him, "Good job, lad."

Rob Fraser is a history alumni.

Key points regarding tobacco funding

I am a member of the community and campus tobacco coalitions. I am writing in response to Jake Ashley's May 12 article about the issues surrounding the United States Smokeless Tobacco (USST) Company's sponsorship of the Cal Poly Rodeo ("Rodeo, tobacco butt heads") because I feel that many key points were left out.

Currently, rodeo is the only sport that accepts money from tobacco at Cal Poly. Students involved in athletic activities live healthy and active lifestyles. Thus, taking money from tobacco is a conflict of interest for any sporting event. In the mid-1980s, USST began sponsoring college rodeo to provide an introduction to our products through sampling and peer pressure at a grassroots level in a primary market, create brand awareness, reinforce brands to consumers, introduce grounds for new products and continue our association with the western lifestyle ([www.tobaccodocuments.org/ust/3005506-5510.html#images](http://www.tobaccodocuments.org/ust/3005506-5510.html#images)). Therefore, it is hard for me to agree with Jesse Seguras statement that, "(USST) is not out there pushing (their product) to us; tobacco companies need more users, and they are using colleges as venues to do so."

Coach Bret Black said students would be screaming, "Where's our scholarship money?" The Buck Tobacco Project offered the rodeo \$20,000 to say no to USST's money, and we have also begun working to establish a community endowment to serve as an ongoing scholarship fund. Hopefully, current Cal Poly Rodeo sponsors will contribute, as well as the Cal Poly Rodeo Boosters, who said in a recent newsletter that as a result of a September fundraiser, Rodeo Boosters is

in a position to fund scholarships for rodeo contestants for another three years.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, accounting for more than 400,000 deaths each year. How can anyone justify taking money from an industry that produces and markets a product that kills?

Andrea Krakower is a kinesiology graduate student.

Supporting the U.S. soldiers is bi-partisan

Somewhere among the convoluted messages and ideologies spewed forth regarding Iraq, and somewhere amidst the masses of critics and supporters of George W. Bush's mission to liberate the supposed stomping grounds of terror, lie the thoughts, fears, emotions, motives and feelings of American soldiers stationed there.

I would imagine the political agendas of average U.S. soldiers to be as diverse as the Cal Poly student body. Some of them chose to be there, and others had an economic situation that left them few opportunities beyond that afforded to men and women in uniform.

My point is that, for whatever reason, many brave men and women, most of whom are our peers, are living every day in uncertain and life-threatening territory. They may or may not have gotten what they bargained for when joining the military, but they are there nonetheless. And at the very least, they deserve our recognition and respect. Whether you think this war is about freedom and liberty or oil and power, our troops are over there fighting for their lives.

That is why I am urging you, the students and faculty of Cal Poly, to attend the "Support the Troops" rally Thursday on Dexter Lawn during UU Hour, because it's not about what you think, it's about showing our troops we appreciate their sacrifice in the name of your freedom. Please don't let the actions of a handful of renegades affect your opinion of the many honest and goodhearted soldiers.

There'll be a free barbecue, a speaker and a thank you card to sign. Remember, this rally is not about Republicans or Democrats, conservatives or liberals. It's about American soldiers who signed up to defend our nation. Sign the card and tell them you respect them. Tell them they're appreciated, they'll be welcomed home and thank you for their sacrifice.

Josh Arbenz is a masters of business candidate.

ClearPlay gives parents the power to censor

Commentary

For those who want to ruin a good R-rated movie, a Salt Lake City software company has a new product for this purpose.

Utah-based ClearPlay Inc. has developed new software that enables children to watch R-rated movies alongside their parents. The technology gives parents several options to eliminate inappropriate content from DVDs.

Viewers can fine-tune their DVD players to edit up to four degrees of sex content and three degrees of violence.

Aside from some unanswered questions (like who would want to watch an edited movie and why would children want to watch a movie they probably wouldn't understand), there doesn't seem to be anything inherently wrong with the technology's intent.

Seven motion picture studios and several big-time Hollywood directors, including Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese, are currently moving to take the ClearPlay product off the market, which is being sold in some RCA DVD players. These opponents claim that, despite the actual DVDs remaining unaltered, the players can potentially distort the intent of a movie.

Residents of Utah, however, seems to have a fixation with chopping up movies. Two years ago a Utah-based movie rental company acknowledged editing DVDs for content and renting them without the permission of the filmmakers.

The difference in the case of ClearPlay is that the movies have not been physically altered. Instead, the DVD players have an index of about 100 films with

points of reference to questionable material in place. If a matching DVD is loaded in the machine, the player will skip those reference points. If one chooses, they may watch the entire, unedited movie.

Certainly ClearPlay intends this new technology to be a convenience for parents concerned about what their children view in the media. Imagine, no more fast-forwarding, rewinding or muting just because an impressionable child walks into the room.

But if convenience is the issue, the new DVD players might be more trouble than they are worth. Since ClearPlay employees decide what content is marked as inappropriate, those standards might not jive with certain families. And while the machines have several options for deciding what level of sex and violence you prefer, it might take some experimenting to leave in the content one would want, since content varies from film to film.

With all these options amidst the gray area of what is and isn't appropriate, it seems the most convenient way to edit content for children is the old way. Leave the movie off until the kids go to bed.

Jake Ashley is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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# Governor's budget plan threatens student chances

Guest Commentary

This summer, a great debate is before us in Sacramento, a debate with serious implications for college students: Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed more than \$650 million in cuts to California's public colleges and universities, tuition hikes of more than 30 percent for undergraduate students and 50 percent for graduate students over the next three years, a 44 percent hike in fees for community college students, cuts to the Cal Grant program and an \$11.6 million reduction in University of California research funding.

The Schwarzenegger administration also proposed to ask the UC and California State Universities to find "non-state resources" to fund most of its outreach efforts, which help disadvantaged students compete for college — after slashing them by 50 percent earlier this year.

While there are many questions to be answered about how to solve California's dire fiscal problems, the choices before us are larger than where to make cuts or raise revenues. The real question is whether the leaders of this state will keep the commitment that our parents and grandparents made to invest in the next generation, or whether our elected leaders will shirk that commitment, to the detriment of education and, I believe, to the future of the state.

As treasurer, my first priority is to protect our economy today and build our economy for tomorrow. The governor's budget proposals for our public colleges and universities take California in the wrong direction — undermining our state's historic commitment to a first-class higher education system that provides opportunity to all Californians and that will be our ticket to economic progress in the decades ahead. What is truly troubling is that the

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governor has proposed slashing state support for higher education and hiking fees on students, while refusing to consider closing one corporate tax loophole or restoring the state's income tax rates on the wealthiest Californians to where they were under Republican governors Ronald Reagan and Pete Wilson.

In January I had the chance to tour some of California's great UC, CSU and community college campuses. While I have always believed that education is an important investment in our state's economic strength, I came away from this tour more convinced than ever of the importance of these institutions, not only for the benefit they provide the economy, but also for the opportunity and promise they offer the next generation of Californians. We should be debating how we can invest more, not less, in students and in these institutions, and in the future of our state.

On my college tour, I met many students who told me their dreams of attending California's four-year universities simply would not be possible without the assistance, support and guidance they received from the very CSU and UC outreach programs the governor proposed to eliminate. At San Diego City College, I met four students in the Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement outreach program. None of their parents had gone to college, and all of the students in this program were working at jobs to make ends meet. Because of the MESA program, Izzy Beth Rodriguez, Barry Cordero, Michelle Scott and Giovanni Sarria are poised to go on to our great university system, to study biology, engineering and biomedical science and to make their contribution to California's future.

We must ensure that our world-renowned public college and university system can continue to provide the opportunity for students like Beth, Cordero, Scott, Sarria and tens of thousands more just like them across California. That they are able to fulfill their dreams of attending college, where they can acquire the knowledge and skills they will need to excel in and contribute to a burgeoning 21st century economy.

I plan to continue fighting to protect California's higher education system and to maintain its legacy as an educational system that is worthy of your future. I urge you to make your voices heard too, so that, together, we can steer this debate in the right direction. E-mail or call the governor and your legislators and let them know that this fight is about more than dollars and cents — it is about your education and about the future of this great state.

Phil Angelides is the California State Treasurer.

# Providing international aid is throwing money away

Commentary

Foreign aid is this wonderful idea that rich countries provide money and technology to people in developing nations in order to bring them out of poverty. This is a great idea, just not if you're a pragmatist.

Foreign aid is nothing but a transfer from one government to another. Whether this is done through grants from the United States or loans from the World Bank, there is still a third-world government on the other end. Odds are that poverty in a country usually has something to do with the government there.

Aid to a country with no government kills all the poor people. This is what happens in Somalia. Warlords capture the aid, keep most of it for their militias and sell the leftovers to the people in poverty, who end up getting killed because they aren't in the militia. We think the aid is going to Sally Struthers-types to feed, clothe and shelter the poor, but in reality it goes to the Mohamed Farrah Aidid-types to buy more guns, drugs and power.

A corrupt government will use aid for blackmail and to prop itself up. Every time he has a domestic problem, Kim Jong Il threatens to nuke Japan or invade South Korea unless America gives more aid. It would be interesting to know how much of our aid ends up

in his military.

An inept government is going to spend its resources investing in multi-million dollar projects that benefit no one. How long has India been poor, and how many billions of dollars have been sent to that government? The Indian government hasn't had a strong record over the last 50 years, invalidating elections, accepting bribes, invading Sri Lanka and playing nuclear chicken with Pakistan. Of course, the World Bank wants to increase loans by \$4 billion because somehow the government can invest India out of poverty.

India has invested in an overly expensive PDA called the Simputer for illiterate farmers who don't have phone lines, Internet connections or batteries. I can only imagine what the new projects will be. Meanwhile, wireless companies are giving away cell phones and charging 1-cent per minute to call for the latest cotton prices. All of the development and progress in India comes from business investments. None of it comes from aid or government.

It's here that it becomes evident that the free market and only the free market can allow a country to emerge from poverty. I had to go back almost 60 years to find the last foreign aid program with more good associated with it than bad. The Marshall Plan provid-

ed aid to Europe after World War II, mostly to keep Soviets out of the rest of Europe. The problem with the Marshall Plan was there was absolutely no correlation between economic growth and the amount given.

After receiving less aid than the other large European nations, Germany embraced the free market and grew 8 percent through the 1950s. No place in Europe saw more economic freedom and no place saw more rebuilding. Even after the reconstruction associated with war damage was completed by the 1960s, Germany still grew faster than most of Europe.

On the other hand, Britain — which received more aid than any other country — used its resources to create huge socialist programs and nationalized industries. Britain grew more slowly than any other free European country and was hardly growing 1 percent a year in the 1970s.

The way to help poor, developing countries is not to dump billions of dollars of aid into failing environments. The United States and other successful countries should send the ideas of property rights, rule of law, democracy, freedom and responsibility. People can only rise out of poverty through their own hard work and determination, not through checks from Uncle Sam.

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# Soldiers can't become scapegoats

Commentary

The fiasco involving the torture of Iraqis in Abu Ghraib seems to be a much larger problem than early reports indicated.

At first, the abuse of prisoners seemed to be an isolated incident; then it was described as a "breakdown in the command structure," but now it seems to be a much more endemic problem. So far, it seems, we were not told everything. But what else is new? If the Bush administration has been consistent about one thing, it is their doctrine to flat out deny anything that may be construed as a mistake on their part.

When the images were shown on CBS's "60 Minutes," the effect was both embarrassing and counterproductive to U.S. efforts in the Middle East. Even worse, it caught officials in Congress as much by surprise as it did the public — even though Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld had been at the Capitol only hours before "60 Minutes" aired. The indoctrinated secrecy apparently kicked in; why else did Rumsfeld not take the chance to explain the situation to members of Congress before they saw it on TV? Either that, or there is more to the story than it initially appeared.

The Geneva Convention explicitly states all prisoners "shall in all circumstances be treated humanely" and bans "violence to life and person ... mutilation, cruel treatment and torture." In addition, outrages upon personal dignity, in particular, humiliating and degrading treatment" are banned. It is safe to say that such actions would

include being sodomized with chemical lights and piled up with other prisoners, all of who are naked. So how can this happen? More importantly, how did they expect to get away with it?

If reports by The New Yorker and the Red Cross are correct, the administration had indications of mistreatment of prisoners as early as last November. One possible explanation of why nothing was done to prevent such occurrences is that the administration not only knew what was going on, they actively encouraged it to gain information.

One of the lamest excuses for the abuse is that Iraqis did not exactly welcome U.S. troops "with flowers" as originally predicted. But aren't we supposed to be the good guys?

According to a report by the Red Cross, 70 to 90 percent of the inmates in the prisons were not only innocent, their families were not informed of their whereabouts or even if they were still alive. Doesn't this sound like the horror stories the administration kept regurgitating whenever questioned whether the war in Iraq was worth while despite the lack of WMDs?

Establishing yourself as the good guy only works if you don't screw up big time, then point at the former bad guy and say, "We're bad, but that guy was worse." Saddam arguably was even worse, but he is hardly somebody we should compare ourselves to.

Even if these prisoners were "high value" targets — which they clearly weren't — we should not treat them in the same way we previously condemned.

In their hearings with Rumsfeld last week, members of Congress seemed to be of the opinion that there is much more to the story than some low-ranking soldiers "blowing off steam," as Rush Limbaugh described it. The New Yorker suggested the Department of Defense actively pursued "softening up prisoners" to extract information without having to rely on the CIA.

The DOD quickly responded, calling such allegations "outlandish, conspiratorial and filled with errors and anonymous conjecture," also stating "no responsible official ... approved any program that could conceivably have been intended to result" in the actions seen in the photographs.

I'd like to think this is the case, but then there are the "contractors" sent to Iraq that have been described by some to be more like "mercenaries." Wouldn't it be a nice way to circumvent not only the Geneva Convention but also military regulations if you could contract such "jobs" out to private companies? It also raises the question of what is happening to prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, who admittedly have more information to divulge.

A lot of things do not add up and questions remain unanswered. Hopefully, the DOD has no hidden agenda, as they claim. But condemning the low-ranking soldiers seen in the photos to be scapegoats without investigating the situations that led to such occurrences is not an option.

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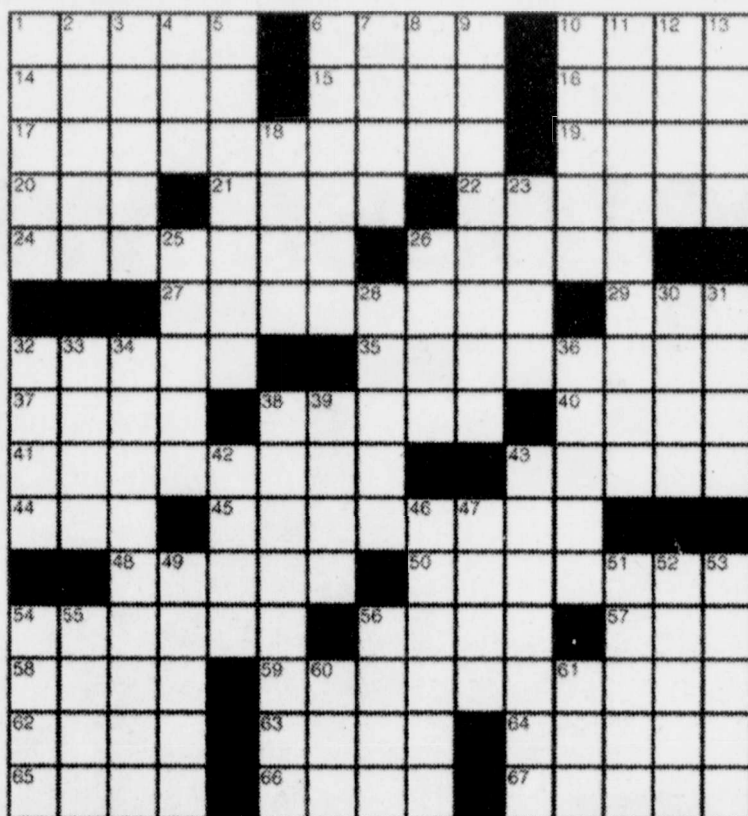


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**Lacrosse**

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second team All-American honors. The all-tournament team included Mejia, Lutz, and Mulhern for the Mustangs. Kanewischer also won defender of the year and National Player of the year. Mulhern won mid-fielder of the year.

"No one wants to see us win again, but its great to be recognized when the odds are against you," Mulhern said. "It's awesome to win individual awards but what is really great is taking home four championships, you can't really ask for more in college sports."

On the men's side, the team finished ninth out of 16 teams in the USLIA tournament May 15.

The Michigan Wolverines gave the Mustang men their worst game of their life to send them into the consolation bracket, said senior midfielder Conor LeClair. The Mustangs lost 7-3 to a team they had never played before.

"We didn't get much sleep the night before and the game started at 9:30 a.m., 6:30 our time," LeClair said. "It was super humid, and we

weren't up to par. They came out with a strong zone defense and our offense couldn't do anything. Tim Casey did score three goals on them, though. Our defense stood their ground, and they came ready to play."

Goalie Ryan Parr (13 saves) was up to the challenge early for the Mustangs. He turned back several shots during the first part of the quarter.

Cal Poly went on in the consolation bracket to defeat No.15 Simon Fraser 14-11 on May 12.

"We had an early lead on Simon Fraser, but then our communication broke down," said senior defender Aaron Myers. "Toward the end, we picked up again, played lacrosse our way and we made very few mistakes. We played sloppy against Michigan and after Michigan the team regrouped real well and gained our focus. Senior Spencer Douglas along with the rest of our defense had a strong showing and played really well overall."

Myers said junior goalie Ryan Parr was the team's MVP, culminated with his performance against No.13 Georgia Tech. The Mustangs beat the Yellow Jackets 11-3.

**Track**

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distance runners kick everyone's ass."

As the school year comes to a close athletes must balance academics with athletics. The national championships will take place during Cal Poly's finals week.

Takahashi is an electrical engineering senior and will miss his commencement to attend the meet.

"It's a bummer, but oh well, that's how it goes," Takahashi said. "Commencement is for the parents anyways, I won't have to sit out there in the heat with my robe."

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Cal Poly Lacrosse

# Four-peat: Lacrosse wins again

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The left side of the United States Lacrosse Intercollegiate Association Championship trophy now has only one name on it — Cal Poly. The women's team accomplished this by winning its fourth consecutive national championship Saturday.

The Mustangs opened play on May 12 in rainy conditions against Colorado State after receiving a first-round bye. Although Colorado State has played teams in the snow, Cal Poly took them by storm with a final score of 14-8.

"The game was about three hours and 15 minutes," senior defender Lindsay Kanewischer said. "Our game was delayed at halftime, and the refs finally put us on an all-weather field so the (women) would stop slipping in the mud. It was like a shower with a bunch of California (women) running in the rain. There (were) as many inches that day as there is in San Luis Obispo's year."

Many of the women said if they could play in those conditions, they would be ready for anything. Michigan was their next competition and they proved that statement true. Last year the Mustangs beat the Wolverines 13-4, but coach Matt Lawicki said he had scouted Michigan because he knew that they would be tough competition.

"Michigan was our championship game," Lawicki said. "The women's response was awesome. With 15 minutes to go, Michigan tied and our women relaxed and played great offense to close it out."

Kanewischer said the game against Michigan was very emotional. With players crying and fans cheering, they got all the support they needed to win 8-7 in the last two minutes. After No. 8 Santa Clara beat No. 1 Navy in a sloppy



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Coach Matt Lawicki poses with his players in St. Louis after winning a fourth consecutive USLIA national championship.

game, the final came down to two West Coast teams, which no one expected, Kanewischer said.

"Santa Clara broke fast and had lots of turnovers with their game against Navy," she said. "But we don't play with fast breaks. We make other teams play our style and they need to have their defense ready."

That game was great not only for our team but for our fans as well."

In the second half Santa Clara scored their last goal on a penalty shot. Cal Poly would go on to win 9-3.

Senior midfielder attack Bridget Mulhern credited strong goalkeeping for their victory.

"Our goalie, Danielle Burchett, is a sophomore, and this was her second year being a goalie ever," Mulhern said. "Last year she was on the 'B' team and we moved her up for nationals. She helped our team become poetry in motion; she really stood out and stopped Santa Clara's goals."

After the championship, women's lacrosse not only stood out as a nationally recognized team, but individual players won awards as well. Liz Mejia, Kim Lutz, Mulhern and Lindsay Kanewischer were named first team All-American, while Shannon Keane-Miller won

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## Season continues for track and field's best athletes

After teams' strong finishes at Big West, 21 athletes will go on to compete at regionals

Justin Popov  
MUSTANG DAILY

After a successful weekend at the Big West Track and Field Championships, where the men's team finished second and the women's team finished third, individual athletes are now focusing on the forthcoming regional and national championships.

Coaches were happy with the results of last weekend's meet, which took place in Irvine.

"We are very pleased with both teams," assistant coach Pete Corkery said. "We could not have predicted the second and third place finishes."

High jumper Kaylene Wagner was the biggest standout for the Mustangs. She placed first in women's high jump with a meet record of 6-3 1/4. Team captain LeBren Martin broke a school record in the 400-meter hurdles and finished second in the 100-meter hurdles. Willimena Cisco

placed first in the 100-meter hurdles while breaking the school record.

Junior Ryan Moorcroft was named Big West Athlete of the Year after finishing the 1,500-meter event with a school record-setting time of 3:45.32.

Athletes who surpassed the minimum standards during the season will attend the West Regionals in two weeks at Cal State Northridge. There they can qualify for the NCAA Finals to be held at the University of Texas.

"I am excited," head coach Terry Crawford said. "We have 21

people (who have) qualified for regionals in two weeks. It is more than last year, which shows we have a higher number of quality athletes. Of those 21 athletes we are optimistic we will have a very good team for NCAA Championships in Austin, Texas. Some Cal Poly athletes are practically guaranteed a spot in NCAAAs because of their national rankings. Others will have a chance to qualify by placing in the top five in their event at Northridge.

Overall athletes are pleased with the results of last weekend's meet

and are looking forward to regionals and nationals.

"The team did incredible," senior pole vaulter Jon Takahashi said. "I did not think that we were going to place too high. We had some mishaps but we also had some people who did really well. We did what we always do. We almost won, but didn't. I have been here four years and we have been top three each time but never won. We did have a lot of people (set personal records). The sprinters impressed me and the

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Softball (19) @ Utah State (4)

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